



Foreign Affairs Manual

15 FAM – Overseas Buildings Operations

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Changes

1. With this change transmittal, the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO) issues Volume 15 of the Foreign Affairs Manual, Overseas Buildings Operations. This FAM volume covers the acquisition, design, construction, furnishing, management, maintenance, disposal, and reporting of all real property abroad for the Department of State and all foreign affairs agencies represented at posts. The material in this volume currently consists of the subject matter formerly found in the nine subchapters of 6 FAM 700, Overseas Buildings Operations, removed from 6 FAM by this issuance. A fully updated 15 FAM 800 chapter on Fire Protection/Incident Reporting Abroad is included in this volume. The purpose of the new volume is to bring these regulations together in a single volume to better assist staff and clients and to allow for the possible expansion of these regulations in coming years. Concurrent with the issuance of this transmittal is the issuance of a change transmittal for 6 FAM (CT:GS-148) that removes these regulations from that volume.
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